Please Direct All Correspondence to Customer Number **20995****ISSUE FEE TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

Applicant : VanSkiver, et al.
App. No : 10/715,994
Filed : November 18, 2003
For : HINGED THERAPEUTIC
MOUTHPIECE
Art Unit : 3739
Class/Sub-Class : 607-108000
Examiner : Johnson III, Henry M.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this correspondence and all marked attachments are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first-class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on

March 17, 2006

(Date)

Rose M. Thiessen, Reg. No. 40,202

MAIL STOP ISSUE FEE


Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

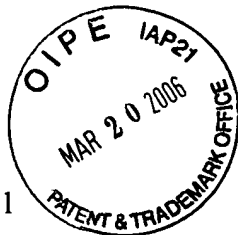
Dear Sir:

Enclosed for filing is the Issue Fee for the above-identified application:

- (X) Form PTOL-85.
- (X) Comment on Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance in 1 page.
- (X) A check in the amount of \$1030 is enclosed for the following fees:
 - (X) \$700 Issue Fee
 - (X) \$300 Publication Fee
 - (X) \$30 Advance Order of 10 Copies
- (X) Return prepaid postcard.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 11-1410.


Rose M. Thiessen
Registration No. 40,202
Attorney of Record
Customer No. 20,995
(619) 235-8550



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : VanSkiver, et al.
Appl. No. : 10/715,994
Filed : November 18, 2003
For : HINGED THERAPEUTIC
MOUTHPIECE
Examiner : Johnson III, Henry M.
Group Art Unit : 3739

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this correspondence and all marked attachments are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first-class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on

March 17, 2006

(Date)

Rose M. Thiessen, Reg. No. 40,202

COMMENT ON EXAMINER'S STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Mail Stop Issue Fee

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance to the extent that some claims may not include all of the elements mentioned by the Examiner, and other claims may include elements not mentioned by the Examiner. Also, to the extent that there is any implication that the patentability of the claims rests on the recitation of the particular combination of features as stated by the Examiner, Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner's Statement because, for each claim, it is the combination of features recited in the claim that makes it patentable. All claims of the present application are allowable because they each recite a combination of features that are not taught or suggested by the prior art.

Respectfully submitted,

KNOBBE, MARTENS, OLSON & BEAR, LLP

Dated: 3/17/06

By: Rose M. Thiessen

Rose M. Thiessen
Registration No. 40,202
Attorney of Record
Customer No. 20,995
(619)-235-8550